

BOY OPERATOR WRECKED TRAIN

Roy Swartfager Confesses He Caused Fatal Crash Near Peterson.

WAS CRAZED BY WHISKY

PLACED RAIL ON TRACK AND WATCHED AWFUL RESULT.

The sensation of the day in railroad circles yesterday was the news that Roy Swartfager, the 18-year-old operator at Peterson, had confessed that he was the author of the outrage which resulted in the death of the engineer, J. A. McFeeley and the serious injury of Fireman A. F. Frank and Mr. H. Tice, head brakeman, of the wreck occurred near the small settlement of Peterson, north of Ogden and directly following the fatal crash in the vicinity were arrested on suspicion of having been connected with the crime. These men have been liberated and it is understood that the boy's confession places the entire blame for the wreck on his own shoulders.

According to the confession made, Swartfager was on duty at the depot during Saturday afternoon and evening. A number of farmers and boys were hanging around the station and towards evening a bottle of whisky was procured by these and the crowd was holding the young operator, assisted in disposing of the contents.

Later in the evening the boy states that he went out on the track, laid down the rail and brace against the track and then went quickly back to watch the result of his work. He had not long to wait, for a few minutes No. 56, eastbound freight, rolled toward the station.

Watched AWFUL Result.

The boy watched while the front trucks of the locomotive climbed over the carefully placed rail and engine and cars left the track and plunged over the embankment into the Weber river. Later he left his position on the station house and went to the scene of the wreck and watched the efforts of the rescue party to recover the body of the dead engineer.

On suspicion the five farmers were then arrested and were held from 2 o'clock Sunday morning until yesterday when following the boy's confession, they were released. Swartfager himself is half crazed with remorse and lays the entire blame to the whisky which he drank. His father is also utterly unable to account for his son's desperate act other than by saying that the lad's brain must have become crazed by liquor and that he was in fact not responsible for his actions.

Special Agent Joseph Jones has been working day and night since the wreck, and his clever work in finally attaching the blame in the proper quarter is highly appreciated by the company. It was entirely due to Mr. Jones' efforts that the confession was secured.

Farmers' Game Exposed.

The arrest of the five farmers was not entirely without results either. For some time past crews of trains passing the small station of Peterson have been mystified by signals upon which they would stop or slow up, only to find that no reason whatever existed for the stop. Yesterday the farmers confessed that these were simply devices employed by them as a means of obtaining coal from passing trains.

A danger signal would be placed on the track, and when the train came to a stop the men would climb aboard and shovel off enough coal to last them some days while the train crew searched frantically for the cause of the signal. The men yesterday expressed themselves as willing to pay for the coal so obtained, but it is likely that they will be prosecuted for interfering with railway signals.

RACE THROUGH SLUSH.

Fire Department Works Under Difficulties.

The fire department started in the New Year yesterday with two hard runs through mud and slush to two small fires. The first one occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, when a defective electrical wiring set fire to the barn and tool house of William Marker at 418 East Eighth South street.

Before the fire department reached the scene the slush had been practically destroyed by the fire. The loss was about \$400, with no insurance.

Yesterday afternoon during a New Year's celebration at the home of Mrs. E. Livingston, 273 West Third North street, an overturned lamp set fire to some portieres. The firemen from engine house No. 2 were called and extinguished the blaze. The loss was nominal.

ORE ASSAYS VERY HIGH.

Lloyd Gets Encouraging News From Seven Troughs.

A telegram was received yesterday by Ben T. Lloyd from Vernon, the main camp of the new Seven Troughs district in Nevada. The wire set forth that assays from two samples taken from shaft No. 1 on the property of the Seven Troughs Mount Vernon Mining company showed returns of \$745 and \$175 in gold, respectively.

The property adjoins Moler's Buckhorn mine on the southeast and is within half a mile of the center of the town of Vernon. The shaft from which the ore was taken has now reached a depth of twenty-five feet and the results date have been of a most encouraging nature.

NEW YEAR HOSPITALITY.

Punch Bowl in Evidence at Several Salt Lake Clubs.

New Year's at the Alta club was a very quiet affair. Following the rules of Thursdays and Sundays, ladies were admitted to the dining room, and quite a number were there during the dinner hour.

At the University club yesterday open house was observed until 8 o'clock in the evening. A special dinner was served to members and their guests, and the punch bowl was a special feature of the afternoon.

Things at the Commercial club were much on the same order. All day long members and their guests came and went and enjoyed the hospitality of the house. The punch bowl was in evidence as usual on New Year's day.

The Elks' club celebrated New Year's day by having open house for all of the members of the club, their families and friends, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight. The clubhouse was thronged during the hours of the reception. During the day and evening buffet lunch was served in the lunch room.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

"I promise not to resign again."—Councilman Martin E. Mulvey.
"I will not resign unless compelled to."—Senator Reed Smoot.
"I never will desert Senator Smoot."—Senator George Sutherland.
"I will not be interviewed by any newspaper."—Chief Justice W. M. McCarthy.
"My resolution is to use every ounce of power and influence during the coming year to bring about the millennium."—Orson H. Howlett.

"All the world having seen America first will spring a new publicity scheme for the Commercial club in 1907."—Fisher Harris.
"I will endeavor to annihilate a certain religious organization, at the head of which is a powerful body of twenty-six members."—Charles Mostyn Owen.
"It is my earnest wish and resolve to do all that I can to see this wish gratified, that the street sprinklers are properly painted at a cost of not more than \$2 each, before next July."—Councilman L. D. Martin.

"Resolution is to give Salt Lake seven sunny days every week this year."—R. J. Hyatt, section director U. S. weather bureau.
"It is my wish that postal conditions be improved here—heaven knows we need it—and I resolve to help the good work along in any way possible."—Postmaster Arthur L. Thomas.

"I solemnly resolve that I will never leave the public service under any administration."—Joseph Cohen.
"My New Year's resolution is that I will not seek re-nomination."—Governor John C. Cutler.

"If the governor will permit me, I will never leave his service as acting secretary. I will love and cherish my mother-in-law in 1907."—David A. Nelson.
"No election bets for me this year."—G. R. Cleveland.

"It is my resolution to change 'Main street' to East Temple street. It stands for something."—Councilman Rulon S. Jones.
"I will not play cards with Scotchmen."—Dr. James Donaldson.

"I have resolved not to marry that Ohio widow."—Ben D. Luce.
"I will not play pinocle at the Elks' club any more, I've quit."—Charles M. Freed.

"Neither will I."—George W. Silks.
"I will give Salt Lake the best street railway system that the natives ever dreamed of."—E. H. Harriman.

"We will not stand hitched with the Manufacturers & Merchants' association."—Salt Lake Real Estate association.
"If the Democratic party desires to have me manage the next campaign I have resolved to decline."—M. F. Cunningham.

"I will not buy another automobile."—Lester D. Freed.
"My department will keep the streets and crossings free from mud in the spring of 1907."—Street Supervisor J. T. Raleigh.

"I resolve not to send any more bonus estimates to the council."—City Engineer L. C. Kelsey.
"I promise not to build a modern building on my real estate."—Mayor Ezra Thompson.

"We have resolved to go out of the liquor business—if compelled to."—Wine-man & Metcalf.
"I have determined to revolutionize the city's financial system. That task may not be completed by the end of my present term, and if not, I will permit myself to be re-elected in order that I may finish the work."—Councilman W. Mont Ferry.

"In another year we will have every street in Salt Lake paved with good intentions."—Board of Public Works.
"I have resolved to use the 'American' collectors this year."—Sheriff C. Frank Emery.

"I will catch Heber J. Grant when he comes to town again—if he notices me he is coming."—C. F. E.
"I have come to this resolution—that it is not good policy to have a resignation to a newspaper unless I mean it."—Adjutant General Raymond C. Naylor.

"I will not revoke another saloon license without consulting Councilman Mulvey."—George A. Sheets, chief of police.
"I promise not to use the 'American' party to further any private ends."—Former Senator Thomas Kearns.

"We will not change more than the public can stand."—Salt Lake Restaurant association.
Had Suicide Mania.

For the past two years Hackwell has been afflicted with melancholia and for a part of that time has been under the care of Dr. Wilcox. Lately, however, his condition has been considerably improved and the act was entirely unexpected. He has been working every day and was in prosperous circumstances. Yesterday a little New Year's gathering was planned and the family was planning the day's festivity when the tragedy occurred, changing the New Year's rejoicing to sorrow and mourning.

Twice before Hackwell has attempted to end his life. The second time was just a year ago yesterday. On both occasions Hackwell had been seized with sudden fits of melancholia similar to the one which inspired him yesterday.

Dr. Wilcox was called and the police and coroner notified immediately after the suicide occurred. It was found that the man had died instantly and that it was a clear case of suicide. The remains were turned over to Joseph William Taylor, undertaker, and the funeral will be held next Wednesday.

Hackwell was 31 years old, a man of good habits and an industrious worker. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and carried \$2,000 life insurance in that order. His widow was formerly Miss Mary Bishop of this city. He is also survived by four small children.

Two Japs Incarcerated

Came to Grief While Celebrating the American New Year.

Although it is one of the prerogatives of the free-born American citizen to become saturated with intoxicating beverages on New Year's day, two Japs infringed upon this sacred prerogative yesterday and were locked up by the police for disorderly conduct and other unbecoming indiscretions.

Jap No. 1, as he is labeled on the police tag, was discovered on Commercial street. To it it was that he was not drunk would be a libel upon the word. Jap No. 2 was picked up in the gutter on Seventh South between Third and Fourth West streets. He had also imbibed too freely of that brand which is inclined to make one climb a tree and after a frantic endeavor to scale a telephone pole had given up the idea and made his couch in a pile of wet snow.

When discovered his clothes were frozen to his body and he was a liberal application of a policeman's club to thaw him out sufficiently to bring him to the station, where he became very loquacious and delighted to inform the officials that he had great wealth. As only 25 cents and a meat ticket were found upon his person he was promptly locked up in the hot cell and given a chance to recover the use of his nearly solidified extremities.

RECEPTIONS AT THE FORT.

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